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Date: June 4, 2014

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Colville National Forest Supervisor's Office, 765 South Main, Colville WA., not later than 4:30 pm local time on or before July 21, 2014 for the Walker Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T36N, R34E, Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-16, 21-24, 26-27; T37N, R34E, Sections 15-17, 19-22, 27-30, 31-34; T37N, R33E, Section 25, W.M., Ferry County, Washington. Contract Form FS-2400-13, will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 1, 2017.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of two (2) mandatory projects within the Colville National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 27.12 miles (43.66 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road reconstruction cost of \$81,230.47 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 63,563 TONS. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

				Rates Per Unit of Measure			
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :							
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	52,063.00	\$.27	\$4.77	\$1.93	\$0.14
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Gm Bio Cv	Ton	11,497.00	\$.27	\$4.77	\$1.93	\$0.14
	TOTAL	Ton	63,560.00			\$122,670.80	\$8,898.40



A bid guarantee is not required.

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$303,181.20 for biddable species.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Solicitation. Award will be made to the offeror whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. **The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.**

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 1:00 PM on June 18, 2014 at Three Rivers Ranger District, 255 West 11th, Kettle Falls, WA. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber Contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both the price and technical proposals, and explain/review the requirements of the stewardship restoration projects.

Parties submitting a technical proposal are to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria.

Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, solicitation, and the mandatory projects, please write the Three Rivers Ranger District Office, 255 West 11th, Kettle Falls, WA or call William Shook at 509-738-7769 or go to the forest's webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/colville/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

Sincerely,



SUSAN RINKE
Contracting Officer